

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4771**
Mieko SAKAI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0903A
Serial No. 10/537,548 : Group Art Unit 3752
Filed June 3, 2005 : Examiner Dinh Q. Nguyen
HIGH PRESSURE WATER JET SURFACE : **Mail Stop: AF**
CUTTING DEVICE AND CUTTING
METHOD

OK TO ENTER: /D.N./

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This request for reconsideration is submitted without an extension of time being necessary. The final Office Action dated July 15, 2008 set no statutory period for response. Accordingly, according to the terms of the Office Action Summary, form PTOL-326, the period for reply is six months from the mailing date of the communication, i.e. October 15, 2008. Thus, no extension at this time is necessary.

In view of the discussion as set forth below, reconsideration of the rejections that are contained in the Office Action of April 15, 2008 is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-40 are not Indefinite

Initially, in section 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner purported to reject claims 21-40 as being indefinite. However, the objectionable matter to which the Examiner points is contained in claim 23. Claim 23 depends from claim 22, which itself depends from claim 21. Thus, the reason the Examiner sets forth that is contained in claim 23 is clearly not applicable to claims 21 and 22, nor any other claims not dependent from claim 23. Similar type